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James, Messrs. Willis G. Aale, Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Johns Hopkins University, Editor of the *American Chemical Journal*, Baltimore, Md.; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Burlington, Vt., Kingston, R. I., Geneva, N. Y., Ithaca, N. Y., State College, Pa.

A framed phototype of the State House was received from Mr. F. Gutekunst, Philadelphia.

Henry Phillips, Jr., was unanimously reëlected Librarian of the Society for the ensuing year.

A quorum not being present, no action was taken on the proposed amendments to the By-Laws.

The appointment of the Standing Committees was referred to the President to take action and report on before the next meeting.

Prof. Cope read observations on "Prof. Hæckel's Confession of Faith."

Questions were asked, and comments made by Mr. Ingham and Dr. Morris.

Nominations 1302 to 1305 were read.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, February 1, 1895.

Treasurer, Mr. PRICE, in the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Letters of envoy were received from the Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde, Leiden, Z. Holland; Naturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft, Chemnitz, Saxony; Oficina Meteorológica Argentina, Cordoba, Argentine Republic.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Linnean Society of N. South Wales, Sydney (142, 144); Prof. O. Donner, Helsingfors, Finland (144, 145); Dr. Herman Snellen, Jr., Utrecht, Netherlands (144); Academie des Sciences, Cra-

cow, Austria (142, 144, 145); Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Emden, Prussia (142, 144, 145); K. Geodätisches Institut, Potsdam, Prussia (144, 145); M. A. Des Cloizeaux, Paris, France (145); Prof. J. P. Postgate, Cambridge, England, Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, Scotland (145); University of Nebraska, Lincoln (96-139).

Accessions to the Library were reported from Comité des Conservation des Monuments de l'Art Arabe, Cairo, Egypt; Ministerie van Kolonien, Batavia, Java; Hollandsche Maatschappij van Wetenschappen, Haarlem; Minister of International Affairs, The Hague, Netherlands; Société Hongroise de Géographie, Budapest; K. K. Geologische Reichsanstalt, Vienna, Austria; Aachener Geschichtsverein, Aachen, Prussia; Deutsche Geologische Gesellschaft, K. Geodätische Institut, Physiologische Gesellschaft, Messrs. R. Friedländer & Sohn, Berlin, Prussia; Gartenbauverein, Darmstadt, Germany; Prof. Dr. Ernest Hæckel, Jena, Germany; Ministero di Agricoltura Industria e Commercio, Rome, Italy; Philological Society, Cambridge, England; R. Microscopical Society, London, England; Literary and Philosophical Society, Manchester, England; American Geographical Society, American Mathematical Society, Scientific Alliance, New York, N. Y.; Hydrographic Office, Engineers' Club, Editor of the *Naturalist's Leisure Hour*, Mr. William H. Rau, Philadelphia; U. S. Departments of the Interior, Labor, War, and Agriculture, Anthropological Society, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Prof. James C. Pilling, Washington, D. C.; Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Editors of the *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, Granville, O.; State Board of Health, Nashville, Tenn.; Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis; Historical Society, Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill.; State Historical Society, Iowa City, Iowa; Geological and Natural History Survey, Minneapolis, Minn.; University of Nebraska, Historical Society, Lincoln, Neb.; Editor of *El Instructor*, Dr. Jesus Diaz de León, Aguascalientes, Mex.; Asociacion de Ingenieros y Arquitectos, Mexico, Mex.; Oficina Meteorológica Argentina, Dr. Don Estanislao S. Zeballos,

Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic; Observatorio do Rio Janeiro, Brazil; Agricultural Experiment Stations: Blacksburg, Va., Raleigh, N. C., Uniontown, Ala., Baton Rouge, La., Knoxville, Tenn., Fayetteville, Ark., Columbia, Mo., State College, Mich., Lafayette, Ind., Berkeley, Cal., St. Anthony Park, Minn., Las Cruces, N. Mex.

A paper was read by Mr. Julius F. Sachse, on the "Hologium Achaz."

Remarks were made by Dr. Horn and Dr. Brinton.

A paper was read by Mr. Lorin Blodget on "The Scope and Importance of Electricity as a Motor."

Pending nominations 1302 to 1305 were read.

The Committee on Indexing was discharged.

Dr. Frazer made a communication on the necessity of the unification of methods employed by experts for the purpose of detecting forgery, and ascertaining the character of handwriting.

Dr. Frazer moved that a committee, composed of Dr. Frazer and Mr. S. P. Sharples, be appointed to report on the general subject of methods useful in the investigation of documents; and that said Committee have power to associate with their number, other specialists who are not members of the Society.

And the Society was adjourned by the presiding member.

Stated Meeting, February 15, 1895.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Present, 31 members.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Letters of envoy were received from the Royal Statistical Society, London, England; Chief Engineer and Superintendent of Fairmount Park, Philadelphia; Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Letters of acknowledgment from the Comité Géologique, St. Petersburg, Russia (144, 145); K. D. Videnskabernes